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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
HIROSHI TANIOKA, et al. ) Examiner: T. Lee  
Application No.: 09/576,928 ) Group Art Unit: 2624  
Filed: May 23, 2000 )  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS )  
AND METHOD : July 29, 2004

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM  
ISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2) -ISSUE FEE PAID

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue, the issue fee having been paid on June 23, 2004.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted concurrently herewith, together with an Information Disclosure Statement. In accordance with § 1.313(a), Applicants submit that withdrawal of this application from issue is necessary for the Examiner to determine the patentability of the allowed claims by considering the art cited in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement.

The petition fee of \$130.00, set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h), together with the \$770.00 RCE fee, should be charged to Deposit Account 06-1205. The Commissioner

is authorized to charge any additional fee in connection with the present Petition, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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